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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its forty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted decision 47/419, entitled "International arms transfers", in which the Assembly, inter alia, decided to welcome the information provided by Member States on the subject contained in the report of the Secretary-General and to invite Member States that had not yet done so to convey to the Secretary-General their views on the matter.

2. Pursuant to that decision, the Secretary-General, in a note verbale dated 18 January 1993, requested Member States to submit the relevant information by 1 June 1993. Accordingly, the Secretary-General submits herewith the information received thus far, namely from Colombia. Any additional information received from Member States will be issued as addenda to the present report.

II. REPLIES RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS

COLOMBIA

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1. With the unanimous adoption by the General Assembly of resolution 46/36 H on 6 December 1991, aimed, inter alia, at eradicating the illicit arms trade, the States Members of the United Nations assumed major responsibility in the search for solutions to problems posed by indiscriminate arms transfers and the illicit trade in such arms.

2. In paragraph 6 of resolution 46/36 H, the General Assembly calls upon affected States to provide, in accordance with national judicial procedures, information regarding arms and military equipment, seized by authorities, destined for the use of terrorists, drug traffickers and organized crime and for mercenary and other destabilizing activities, when this would assist the eradication of the illicit arms trade.

3. The Government of Colombia is therefore pleased to provide the Secretary-General with the information requested in the aforementioned resolution and, in this context, submits herewith a statistical table of arms confiscated over the past four years, which were destined for the groups or individuals referred to in the resolution.

Statistical table of arms seized by the military forces and the National Police of Colombia

Arms category	1989-1990	1991	1992	1993 January-March	Total by category
Machine-guns	26	4	4		34
Carbines	386	252	305	40	983
Shotguns	397	698	614	123	1 832
Rifles	540	470	603	187	1 808
Revolvers	424	591	860	216	2 091
Rockets	4	6	20	1	31
Pistols	3 554	2 646	3 737	150	10 087
Sub-machine-guns	316	259	272	54	901
Mortars		1	8		9
Total confiscated	5 647	4 935	6 423	771	17 776